



AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC COLLEGE OF DERMATOLOGY

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Calendar of Events

October 14-19, 1995

AOCD/AOA Annual Meeting
Orlando, FL

The following exams will be given during the upcoming AOA-AOCD meeting in Orlando:

AOBD

Certification Exam

Sunday, October 15th
Clarion Plaza Hotel - Salon 7
7:30 a.m.

AOCD

In-Training Examination

Sunday, October 15th
Clarion Plaza Hotel - Salon 9-10
7:00 a.m.



April 10-14, 1996

o Mid-Year Meeting
Myrtle Beach, SC

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Gene E. Graff, D.O.

AOCD President

I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity to serve as an officer of the college over the last four years, and particularly to serve as your president. This year has been challenging, interesting, and rewarding both personally and professionally. Our office in Kirksville is operating well, as Becky Mansfield continues to "Tame The Lion". It has been a delight to work with Becky and other committee members.

We have enlisted the participation of several members onto important new committees which have been created for the accomplishment of specific goals. Dr. Michael Scott has been working closely with the American Academy of Dermatology and we have been invited to nominate several members onto the Academy committee for the purpose of reviewing dermatological codes and reimbursement, and formulating recommendations. Most recently, Dr. Greg Papadeas has undertaken the important responsibility of representing the AOCD on a "Clinical Practice Expert Panel", which is participating with the AMA, through the AOA to help revise RBRVS values as mandated by the congress.

Our upcoming annual AOCD Meeting in Orlando, FL should be another spectacular one, as Dr. Matt Leavitt has organized a wonderful didactic and social program. Following that, in the Spring of 1996, we will hold our mid-year meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Dr. Robert Schwarze is working to select the locations and dates of several of the following mid-year meetings. You will be delighted by his proposals! I implore you all to

attend the upcoming Orlando meeting and stay through its' conclusion. It can become difficult for us to procure financial support and speakers for presentations scheduled later in the conference if attendance drops precipitously, as it has our last two conferences. Please plan to avail yourselves of the excellent presentations throughout the entire meeting! Also, please express your appreciation to representatives of the supporting pharmaceutical and medical equipment and supply industry. Without their support the quality of our programs would certainly decline.

I am sure that many of you entertain the thought of assuming leadership roles in our college. Please make your intentions known to your current leadership so that you can assume a position to contribute to our endeavors and to experience the intricacies and attributes of our college. You will find that the AOCD is a noble, dynamic and growing organization of increasing importance and credibility. You will also be heartened as you develop closer personal ties with you colleagues and others.

I look forward to seeing you all in Orlando.

Fraternally,
Gene E. Graff, D.O.
President,
American Osteopathic
College of Dermatology

SMITHKLINE BEECHAM AND AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION TEAM UP FOR NATIONAL CALL-IN PROGRAM "DIAL-A-D.O."

People across the nation are invited to call a physician for health information and advice during the American Osteopathic Association's "Dial-A-D.O." program, sponsored by SmithKline Beecham. More than 60 osteopathic physicians (D.O.s) are volunteering to answer calls on October 16 and 17, 1995 from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. eastern standard time. The toll-free number is 1-800-DOs-4U95, or 1-800-367-4895.

D.O.s who participate are ready to answer a variety of health questions, whether they relate to a specific illness/injury, or to a general health issue such as diet or the common cold. Should callers be unable to reach a physician, they may leave a message requesting information by mail on an automated line.

In keeping with the osteopathic commitment to prevention and wellness, "Dial-A-D.O." is an opportunity for people nationwide to take a first step toward their good health and that of their family. Osteopathic medical training also emphasizes a "whole-person" approach to care.

"Whether specialist or generalist doctors, all D.O.s receive hands-on training in internal medicine, family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics and surgery. According to osteopathic principles, before doctors can be skilled specialists, they must first be educated and competent primary care physicians," stated AOA president, Howard L. Neer, D.O.

"Dial-A-D.O." is being held in conjunction with the American Osteopathic

Association's 100th Annual Convention and Scientific Seminar, October 15-19, 1995, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fl. More than 7,000 D.O.s and others related to the osteopathic medical profession are scheduled to attend the meeting, which will feature educational sessions as well as exhibits.

SmithKline Beecham is sponsoring "Dial-A-D.O." as part of Osteopathic Medicine's Caring Cooperative, a patient education collaboration with the American Osteopathic Association.

Across the nation, the AOA, representing nearly 37,000 osteopathic physicians, promotes the public health, encourages scientific research, and is the accrediting agency for osteopathic schools and hospitals.

True Sayings By Patients in The Office of Dr. Daniel Koprince

1. Patient: I'm so sleepy, I could sleep on a clothesline.
Doctor: Bent over, I suppose.
2. Doctor: How are you taking your prednisone pills?
Patient: With water.
3. Doctor: You have a Planter Wart.
Patient: But I haven't been planting anything!
4. Patient: My sister has cancer of her cologne and liver.
5. Patient: I've got Precocious Anemia.
6. Patient: The other Doctor in the office put some nitroglycerin on the cyst of my face.
7. Following a scalp Hair Transplant:
Patient: A Hair on the head is worth two in the comb.
8. Patient: 85 year old female patient, after receiving local in her big toe:
Boy, you would be rough on a date.
9. Patient: 42 year old after receiving so-so results.
I want to see a Germatologist.
10. Patient: A week after receiving Zovirax samples
I need some more Zodiac pills.
11. Patient: A male patient said:
I've got a spot on my Female Organ.

REMEMBER!

1995-1996 Dues Are Now Due

**Payment must be received
by October 16 in order to be
included in the directory.**

MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY EXAMINATION

The American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology (AOBD) has received approval from the AOA to examine in Mohs Micrographic Surgery for a certificate of special competency. The Subcommittee for Certification and Training in Mohs Micrographic Surgery (SCTMMS) has been charged with the responsibility of organizing the examination under the direction of the AOBD. At the present time, the SCTMMS is awaiting correspondence from the AOA and AOBD regarding application requirements and other related examination details, in order to assure that AOA requirements are met. Once this occurs, the SCTMMS will communicate details regarding eligibility and application requirements to the AOCD membership.

In meantime, I suggest that AOCD members who perceive an interest in such an examination begin to accumulate the following materials which are likely to be required.

1. Copy of Medical School Diploma
2. Copy of Internship Certificate
3. Copy of Dermatology Residency or Preceptorship Certificate
4. Copy of Dermatology Board Certification Certificate
5. Copy of State Medical License
6. Copy of Mohs Micrographic Surgery Fellowship Certificate (if completed) or a description of Mohs Micrographic surgery training
7. Mohs Micrographic Surgery Log (from training period)
8. Mohs Micrographic Surgery Log (from practice post-training)
9. Copy of CLIA Laboratory Certificate

I am hopeful that we will be ready to provide an examination in 1996. However, at this time, the SCTMMS cannot announce specific plans until official application requirements are finalized.

James Q Delrosso, D.O., Chairman
Subcommittee for Certification and Training in Mohs
Micrographic Surgery

DERMATOPATHOLOGY PROFICIENCY CERTIFICATION

The AOCD is in the process of establishing standards for certification of proficiency in dermatopathology. Part of the certification process will be a certifying examination given to members who meet the certification eligibility.

The primary criteria for certification eligibility will be fellowship training in dermatopathology. However, the initial certification process will allow non-fellowship trained dermatologist the opportunity to sit for the certifying examination. Specific eligibility requirements are being established for this initial certification and will most likely require documentation of dermatopathology experience (e.g. logs of cases, etc.)

We are planning to hold the initial certification examination in the fall of 1996 if possible, or the fall of 1997. If you believe you may be eligible and you are interested in sitting for an examination for certification of proficiency in dermatopathology, please contact:

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

November 18, 1995
Advance Skin Rejuvenation
Seminar/Workshop
Washington, D.C.

Contact:

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OSTEOPATHIC LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE

1-800-560-6229

The American Osteopathic Association has implemented a hotline to provide information regarding current federal legislative and regulatory developments impacting the osteopathic medical profession. If you are interested in helping to promote the osteopathic agenda, call the hotline today. Sponsored by the Auxiliary to the AOA.